the State Government is finding it difficult to make the matching grant of 50:50. Why can't you make it completely 100 per cent Centrally-sponsored scheme for the tribal hostels?

SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH: The Ministry of Social Justice is also having schemes like that, but we are doing it on 50:50 basis as of now. But, we will take it up soon.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: How many hostels constructed. ..(*Interruptions*)..

MR. CHAIRMAN: Take your seat. Next question.

**113. [The questioner (Shri S.M. Laljan Basha) was absent. For answer vide page 35.]*

Heritage structures of Delhi

*114. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 21 heritage structures have been listed in Grade-I list in Delhi which require proper preservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the guidelines to judge a monument as a heritage structure?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) No, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India has not included any heritage structure of Delhi in "Grade-I" list for proper preservation.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Government has not issued any guidelines to define "heritage structure". However, "Ancient monument" has been defined as—

"ancient monument" means any structure, erection or monument, or any tumulus or place of interment, or any cave, rock sculpture, inscription or monolith, which is of historical, archaeological or artistic interest and which has been in existence for not less than one hundred years and includes—

(i) the remains of an ancient monument;

(ii) the site of an ancient monument;

(iii) such portion of land adjoining the site of an ancient monument as may be required for fencing or covering in or otherwise preserving such monument; and

(iv) the means of access to, and convenient inspection of an ancient monument.

under Section 2(a) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

SHRI B.J. PANDA: Sir, subsequent to filing this question, it has come to my attention that it is, perhaps, another Ministry, the Urban Development Ministry, which has taken this step of identifying 21 heritage structures in Delhi, including such well-known landmarks as Jantar Mantar, India Gate, President's Estate, etc. Nevertheless, Sir, I thank the hon. Minister for the answer that he has tabled and bring his attention to item C (iii) which talks about protection of ancient monuments and portion of land around these monuments to be fenced off. Now, I am sure that the hon. Minister is aware that there are increasing numbers of cases of encroachment on these monuments in Delhi and all over. I would like to know whether the Goverment is contemplating any particular steps or system of checks so that these can be identified and action taken to remove these encroachments.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, I appreciate the concern of the hon. Member. There are some cases of encroachment and we are taking all possible steps to see that encroachment is nullified. We will see to it that the land around ancient monuments, which are under the custody of the ASI, is protected.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Panda.

SHRI B.J. PANDA: That is all, Sir. I don't have a second question.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH: Sir, I would like to ask whether there exist clear and transparent guidelines for public-private partnership for managing heritage sites in Delhi and rest of the country.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: It is a very good question. We have a mechanism called National Culture Funds. We keep some private friends

also on the Fund and we have entered into private and public partnership for maintenance and upgradation of many monuments. I see the need to strengthen this process that, I think, is the future way for it.

DR. M.S. GILL: Sir, I think this is a serious matter. India's heritage is looked after by the Centre, and the States separately. There are State archaeological bodies also. I think this needs a very serious discussion some time. Earlier, to another question, the hon. Minister said that the Archaeological Survey of India, is looking after the heritage very nicely. The fact is otherwise. I have a personal interest. I have gone around India, seen every place that I can see, using the facilities which the Government gave me over long decades. Humayun Tomb, Sir, is a national heritage monument. Even UNESCO gives you certificates too easily. Inside that, there is Afsarwala tomb because I see them year after year, day after day, and the guts of the building are falling out. This tomb is earlier than Humayun. It is of the Muslim Sultan period. I spoke to the Minister. He said, "Write to me." I wrote to him. The first thing I did, when I came back from Cambridge, I went and checked it. The whole guts are falling out. I will take the hon. Minister to show him not one; I will show him mandir. Everything is falling down and as for the States, Delhi State ....*(Interruptions)*. It is a very sad history of India. You don't like Curzon, but Curzon did much, and we are not doing enough, if I may say so. And, I would have said it to the last Goverment also. Take the State Government, Delhi Government. Go to the Lodi Vegetarian Hotel, next to the Government buildings. There is again a pre-Mughal monument. There are trees growing into the top, over years and years, and I want to climb and cut them. Sir, I request the Minister to please do something.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do something in half-a-minute.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, I don't completely disagree with him. When I said," the heritage monuments were being maintained properly", I was making a reference to the World Heritage Monuments. I want the hon. Member and the whole House to appreciate that I have to take care of nearly 3600 monuments. Our mouth is there in respect of our culture; our money should be where our mouth is. I want hon. Members to see and I have given more money. I see that all of them are taken care of wonderfully well.

DR. KARAN SINGH: Sir, this question refers specifically to Delhi, and, I am somewhat surprised when Delhi has Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb,

Jama Masjid and so on, how does it say that the ASI has not included any heritage building in Delhi in the Central list. I think there is some mismatch in the information.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, through you, I would like to tell Dr. Karan Singhji that there was some semantic confusion between ancient monument and heritage structure.

(MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair)

So, I was referring to ancient monuments and the hon. Member referred to heritage structures. That was the reason for this confusion. Otherwise, we are taking care of all ancient monuments under ASI. There are many ancient monuments, which are not under ASI or under the State Governments, and therefore, we are thinking of Heritage Sites Commission so that this could be done.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Unified Transport Authority

*101. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry proposes to set up a Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority for coordinated planning between the States and the Centre for controlling the vehicular movement in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed authority is a part of the National Policy on Urban Transport;

(d) whether any consultation has been held in this regard with the Chief Ministers and Transport Ministers of the States; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) There is no proposal of the Ministry of Urban Development to set up a Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority for coordinated planning